

PLAN SIEGE ON DEPOSED PASTOR IN PARSONAGE

Rev. Hunt, Wife and Step-
son Secretly Returned
to Williamsburg.

CHURCH UP IN ARMS.

Mass Meeting to Be Held To-
night to Take Steps to
Oust Them.

There is to be a mass-meeting to-night at the Noble Street First Presbyterian Church, Williamsburg, to take some action on the extraordinary proceeding of the former pastor, Rev. E. Lawrence Hunt, who is occupying the parsonage with his wife, whom he married Tuesday evening, and her eight-year-old son, Rice Bassett. He has been formally deposed from the pastorate of the church because of his relations with the woman he married, and when the members of the congregation learned that he moved back surreptitiously on Wednesday and has been living there ever since there was a storm in the neighborhood.

From the outside the house appears to be deserted. Rings at the doorbell are not answered. The blinds are drawn, and no sound can be distinguished inside. But Dr. Hunt and his wife have been seen on the street taking a walk in the evening, and the child has made purchases in stores in the vicinity of the parsonage.

Named as Co-respondent.
Dr. Hunt was very popular with his parishioners until the news came from Washington a year ago that he had been named as co-respondent in a suit for divorce brought by Charles Chester Bassett, a Government clerk, against Fanny Rice Bassett. Mr. Bassett alleged in his papers that the youngest child of his wife was the son of the preacher.

A committee called upon the minister. He assured them that the charges were all wrong and that he would be able to clear himself. The confidence of

the congregation returned, but when the case came up for trial in Washington three months ago Mr. Bassett got his divorce.

Mrs. Bassett brought a counter-suit in Omaha, but it was thrown out of court. By the terms of the decree granted to Bassett his wife was given the custody of their eight-year-old son Rice.

Rev. Mr. Hunt was in Omaha through out the trial of the counter-suit. When he returned to Brooklyn Mrs. Bassett came with him as far as Newark. He found that the congregation had turned against him and handed in his resignation, not only from the pastorate of the church, but from the Brooklyn Presbytery. Both resignations were accepted on last Monday and Dr. Hunt disappeared from Brooklyn.

In the meantime the trustees of the church had passed a resolution providing that the aged mother of the deposed minister should occupy the parsonage as long as she desired. This resolution was designed to furnish her with a home until her son should settle himself and provide another for her. **Son Was a Witness.**

On last Tuesday evening Dr. Hunt and Mrs. Bassett were married by Dr. Warren. The eight-year-old boy, Rice, witnessed the ceremony. The next day, it is believed, early in the morning, some of the parishioners saw the former pastor with his wife and his stepson moved into the parsonage.

One of the deacons of the church met the preacher face to face on the street with a woman and a little boy. He lost no time in spreading the news around and the house was watched. Then the report of the deposed pastor's return spread through the congregation and steps were taken to organize to-night's mass-meeting. The object of the organizers of the meeting is to force the immediate removal of Dr. Hunt and his family from the parsonage.

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"Well, come along, then," said Dr. Davis, who was examining Miss Ernest's mental condition before a jury. "Come along and make preparations for the wedding."

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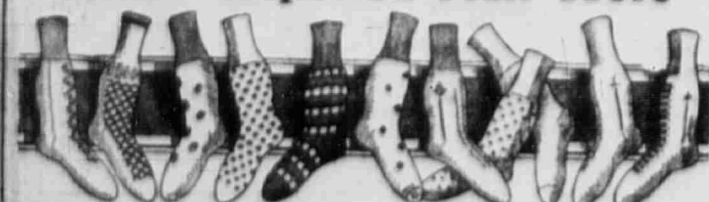
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